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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOUSTANY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 24, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of the heavens, without our realizing it, we are swirling around the sun on this revolving planet. We tend to think we are standing still and the sun is moving over us. The summer sun lengthens our days and, like an explosion, new life bursts around us.

Knowing how important summertime is to children, we ask You to protect them and help them to discover Your gracious presence in the midst of their fun. As Americans, we bless You for this time of year and thank You for family picnics, barbecues and baseball games.

Guide the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in their work today. Grant them and their staffs a beautiful weekend filled with summer blessings, good times shared with family and friends.

In their recreation, their plentitude and their free time, renew them in Spirit and give them grateful and generous hearts. Ever mindful of Your constant love, may they offer You thanks now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1812. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 163. Concurrent resolution honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive five 1-minute requests on each side.

NEW PLAN ON SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need to strengthen Social Security.

As a former president of a community college, and as a mother and grandmother, I have an obligation to ensure that our children and grandchildren are not putting their hard-earned money into a system that is going broke.

Social Security is sound for today's seniors and for those nearing retirement, but it needs to be improved for younger generations.

This week, my colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON), and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN), laid out a good first step to help ensure that Social Security will be there for our children and grandchildren.

The GROW accounts which they described would be owned by individuals. Each worker would have an account with his or her name on it, and the accounts would be assets they can leave to their loved ones as part of their estate.

And for those of us who believe that Americans can spend their money better than the government can, this plan is welcome news, because when money is placed in one's own account, that money cannot be spent on other government programs.

My colleagues took a great first step. I am hopeful that the Democratic leadership will soon decide their obligations to the American public go far beyond these partisan halls.

UNWORTHY OF OUR DISCOURSE

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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